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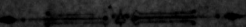
MARION COUNTY, MISS.

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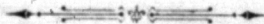
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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, Sept. 11, 1887.

The PEARL RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met in its Sixty-Eight Annual Session, with the Baptist Church, at New Hope, Marion County, Mississippi.

The Association met pursuant to appointment.

After singing a hymn of praise, prayer was offered by Elder B. A. Crawford.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

Brethren J. R. Carter and D. A. Scarborough were appointed Reading Clerks.

Brethren S. E. Bass and B. S. Watts were appointed on Finance.

The letters from the churches were called for and read; the names of the delegates entered on the minutes.

On motion, the former officers were unanimously elected by acclamation, viz: Elder R. R. Turnage, Moderator; J. D. Burkett, Treasurer; W. J. Armstrong, Clerk.

The Association adjourned to listen to the preaching of the Introductory Sermon, which was preached by Elder J. R. Carter, from Ephesians, 16:5, Redeeming the Time.

After a short intermission, the delegates assembled in the house, the Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

The Rules of Order were read by request of the Moderator.

Visiting ministers present were invited to seats in the Association.

Brethren William Thompson, William Stovall and the deacons of New Hope Church, were appointed a Committee on Preaching.

Correspondence Received.

From Boguechitto Association—Elder B. A. Crawford.

From Magee's Creek Association—A letter and minutes by her messengers, J. B. Pounds and T. B. Fortenberry.

From Pearl Leaf Association—A letter and minutes by her messengers, F. D. Baars and Abner Polk.

From Strong River—Elder J. A. Scarborough.

On motion, it was agreed that we receive correspondence from the Pearl River Colored Association, when the following named brethren presented themselves with a letter and package of minutes, as messengers, Reubin Fields and Solomon Hutchins.

The hand of welcome was extended to the messengers by the Moderator in behalf of the Association.

The Committee on Preaching made the following partial report: That Elder B. A. Crawford preach at the stand this evening.

Arranged Correspondence.

To Boguechitto Association—Brethren W. C. Maxwell, W. D. Wilson, T. R. Beard, S. T. Price and Elder R. R. Turnage as our messengers; Elder J. R. Carter to write.

To Fair River—Brethren D. A. Scarborough, Wm. Carter, T. C. Maxwell, Z. P. Jones, W. J. Armstrong

J. D. Burkett, M. Stringer, E. L. Reeves and Elder R. R. Turnage as our messengers; W. C. Maxwell to write.

To Magee's Creek—Brethren C. P. Sheppard, Marion Sheppard and W. E. Tynes; John T. Lenoir to write.

To Strong River—Brethren M. A. Griffith and J. M. Armstrong; Brother D. A. Scarborough to write.

To Pearl Leaf—Brethren W. C. Mobley, W. J. Armstrong and Elder R. R. Turnage; W. C. Mobley to write.

To Pearl River (col.)—Brethren C. P. Sheppard and W. E. Tynes; Brother T. R. Beard to write.

Appointment of Committees.

On Sunday-Schools—W. C. Maxwell and W. J. Armstrong.

On Missions—Brother T. R. Beard.

On Publications—Brethren D. A. Scarborough and William Carter.

On Ministerial Education—Brethren M. A. Sheppard and J. R. Carter.

On Abstracts—Brethren B. S. Watts and M. Stringer.

On Mississippi College—Brethren F. D. Baars and Henry Banks.

On Temperance—Elders J. A. Scarborough and B. A. Crawford.

On Pastoral Support—Brethren Z. T. Doughdrill, William Stovall and W. D. Wilson.

Ordered, That a committee of two from each respective church composing this Association, consisting of one male and one female, be appointed to work up the cause of the Sunday-Schools, and report the progress of the same at our next meeting, when the following appointments were made, to-wit:

From Antioch Church—Simon Lee and Missouri Polk.

X *From Bethel Church*—T. C. Maxwell and Mattie Wilson.

X *From Crooked Creek Church*—John Culpepper and L. E. Scarborough.

X *From Cedar Grove Church*—J. A. S. Pope and Rosan Fortenberry.

From Columbia Church—S. H. Dale and Ruby Washburn.

From Ebenezer Church—S. E. Bass and Lizzie Hathorn.

From Hepzibah Church—A. E. Jones and Mattie Tolar.

From Holly Springs—J. W. Thornhill and Mary Mulford.

From Magee's Creek—T. R. Beard and Mary J. Beard.

X *From New Hope Church*—Enoch Pitman and Helen Pitman.

From Pleasant Hill Church—J. M. Busby and Jemima Brent.

X *From Silver Creek Church*—W. J. Armstrong and Maggie Griffith.

From Society Hill Church—E. H. Williamson and G. A. Doughdrill.

Leave of absence was granted to Brother C. P. Sheppard and A. A. Beard.

Ordered, That a committee of five be appointed to draft and devise some plan to awake up our membership in the interest of missions, to report at this meeting, consisting of the following, to-wit: F. D. Baars, J. R. Carter, Allen Scarborough, B. A. Crawford and M. A. Sheppard.

Leave of absence was granted to the delegates of Pleasant Hill Church, and W. J. Stovall.

On motion, a vote was taken relative to the place of

holding the next meeting of this Association, which resulted in the choice of Crooked Creek Church, Lawrence County, Miss.

Partial Report on Preaching.

We, your Committee on Preaching, beg leave to make a partial report, that Elder J. R. Carter conduct the prayer meeting to-morrow, at 10 o'clock A. M.; F. D. Baars preach at 11 o'clock. One hour intermission. Elder J. A. Scarborough to preach, and Elder B. A. Crawford close by exhortation.

E. J. PITMAN,
Chairman.

On motion, adjourned to meet Monday morning, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Prayer by Elder J. A. Scarborough.

Benediction by Elder J. R. Carter.

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SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

MONDAY, Sept. 13, 1887.

The Association met according to adjournment.

A hymn of praise was sung.

Prayer was offered by Elder J. A. Scarborough.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

The following named brethren were appointed as delegates to the Baptist State Convention, to-wit: J. R. Carter, W. C. Maxwell, D. A. Scarborough, S. E. Bass, S. H. Dale, M. A. Griffith, W. J. Armstrong and M. A. Sheppard.

Corresponding letters were read and approved.

Reports were read, discussed and adopted, as follows:

On Preaching.

That Elder J. E. Davis preach at the stand at 11 o'clock and close; Elder C. P. Sheppard be appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder J. R. Carter, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. PITMAN,
Chairman.

Sunday-Schools.

We, your Committee on Sunday-Schools beg leave to submit the following: That we deem it necessary that each church have one or more Sunday-Schools within her bounds, as it is one of the factors in bringing the children together on Sundays, and learning them to love the Savior; and as we know no better place than the Sunday-School, we urge the brethren that they go and carry their children, and there pray for and teach them the ways of Christ. In the letters coming up from the churches, we see that a great many accessions are from the Sunday-School scholars. We notice that there are only nine schools reported in the bounds of this Association. We ask the churches, in reporting their schools in their corresponding letters, that they report the names of Superintendents, the names of teachers, and the amounts contributed for the various objects which we foster, therefore we urge upon the churches to try to enlist their entire membership in this good work, then they will be blessed of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. MAXWELL,
Chairman.

Ministerial Education.

Your Committee ask leave to submit the following re-

port: We believe it is vital to our denomination to educate our rising ministry. We mean no reflection on our fathers in the ministry who were uneducated; they did a noble work, and God bless them for it. Many of them are doing a noble and effective work for Christ to-day. It is only a matter of regret that they have not more of the power which comes from mental training, that they might give it to the cause which they so zealously love. The demand for consecrated ministers is much greater than the supply. The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few. Pray the Lord that he may send more laborers into His harvest. Does not this imply the duty of searching them out and aiding them in their preparation for their great work? Are the churches doing their whole duty in giving the world a godly ministry? We fear they are not. The churches cannot call men to preach the gospel, but they can aid those whom the Spirit call. We would caution the churches as to the character of those whom they recommend as beneficiaries of the churches through the Board. It will not do to try to educate some men; they will not take an education. The word educate means sharpen. Education is to the mind what the grindstone is to the axe, but if the axe be of inferior metal the grinding will do but little good. Another meaning of the word educate, is to draw out, and if there is nothing in a man there is nothing to draw out; but, brethren, send men of brain and consecration, men who are disposed to conform to the will of Christ, to Mississippi College, and the college will sooner or later return them to you, and you will be proud of them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. CARTER,

Chairman.

Publications.

We, your Committee on Publications, would submit the following: Knowing that "the pen is mightier than the sword," we can see the necessity of reading what is written. We should not read everything that is written and printed, but reading good literature is the grand source from which we derive all intelligence. So, then, if we would be an intelligent people we must be a reading people, and that the masses of our denomination may become more intelligent and more of a unit, we should endeavor to impress the importance of reading more good religious literature.

Since the consolidation of the Baptist Record and the Southern Baptist, the two leading Baptist journals of our State, we have the grandest paper in the State, and would heartily commend it as a paper worthy of the support and patronage of every family in the country. For Sunday-Schools and other religious literature, we would recommend the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society as genuine, pure literature; we would also commend Kind Words, published at Atlanta, Ga., as first-class literature for the Sunday-School work, and in every respect worthy the support of the denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. CARTER,

D. A. SCARBOROUGH,

Chairman.

Missions.

We, your Committee on Missions, would submit the following:

Dear Brethren.—The opportunity of obeying Christ's command to give the heathen the gospel was never so great as now. All doors are now open. Five thousand miles of new railway in heathen lands, and

20,000 miles of newly explored river way, all set with populous towns, some of which have near 1,000,000 inhabitants each, awaits the gospel. There are many other denominations who are striving to help those perishing ones. Brethren, Christ commands us to give those perishing souls the gospel. It is a duty He lays upon us. We are commanded to teach all nations, (Matthew 28th and 29th), and to witness for Christ unto the uttermost parts of the earth.—Acts 1st and 8th. And we are able to give them the gospel, and to do it now. We have men enough and money enough, and the way is open. Yea, Christ Himself is going before us. He has pulled down the very mountains and filled up the valley for us, and we ought to follow His leading.

Brethren, we believe it is our duty to teach and preach missions daily, and to work for missions daily, all of us. That such a course would be greatly pleasing to Christ; that it would greatly promote virtue and grace in our churches and keep them pure; that it would greatly destroy covetousness, pride, envy, evil speaking, lust and vile passions, and bring salvation to multitudes of persons who otherwise will sink to eternal punishment. What will we do in this matter? Will all sit still while the heathen perish? How then shall we answer God?

Respectfully submitted,

T. R. BEARD,

Chairman.

Systematic Church Work.

Your Committee submits the following: Every house must have a foundation; every theory its fundamental principle, and every system its basis of operation. Your Committee can only recommend a basis upon which each church may build its own system, and we think that the basis adopted by the Convention Board is, perhaps, the best, and that is that each church contribute

an average of 40 cents per member. For some, and may be all of our churches, a system of committee work may be carried on with success; that is, to appoint a committee on State Missions. This committee canvasses the matter thoroughly and gets all the contributors they can. Thus a committee is appointed on each object fostered by the denomination, such as Foreign Missions, Mississippi College, Ministerial Education and Home Missions. A church also may appoint committees on "Home Work," such as Sunday-Schools committee, (this committee endeavors to get all the children of its neighborhood into its Sunday-School), a prayer meeting, a church improvement committee, a committee on works of charity. To carry on this work a standing committee should be appointed to raise and keep up an auxiliary fund, to defray home expenditures. The same system may not do for every church, but every church should adopt some system. Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies do much good, and we heartily recommend them.

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. BAARS,
Chairman.

Pastoral Work.

Your Committee on Pastoral Support ask leave to report the following:

We feel that this is one part of the church work which is neglected in the majority of our churches, and would urge the necessity of greater effort in raising the pastor's salary.

1st. We believe it the duty of every member to help support the pastor without any solicitations.

2nd. Inasmuch as there are many who are indifferent in regard to paying the pastor, your committee would recommend, as a good plan of work, that each church have a committee of four, two of which shall be females,

with the deacons added, who shall strive to enlist each member in the work, that each one may have the reward of duty and help to bear the burdens.

W. D. WILSON,
Chairman.

Mississippi College.

Your committee recommends Mississippi College as worthy both of support and patronage. It is emphatically our school, and has been, and is still a blessing, not to our denomination alone, but to the country at large. The faculty is composed of well-qualified, Christian men, who earnestly seek to promote the religious and intellectual mind and development of every student. The College is at present not self-supporting, and we recommend that collections be taken in all our churches for college support. We also recommend that our churches heartily co-operate with whatever plans be adopted by the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. BAARS,
H. F. BANKS,
Committee.

Temperance.

Your Committee on Temperance would report as follows:

We are glad to note the progress of prohibition and temperance during the last year. All along the line the sentiment against the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors is growing stronger and yet stronger.

This progress may be attributed mainly to the spirit of holy boldness on the part of Christian men and women who have unsheathed their swords and thrown away the scabbards and are determined in the name of God and home and native land never to relax their efforts

until the grim monster is hurled from the borders of our State.

A number of counties in our State are still under the iron heel of the liquor traffic, owing mainly to their being controlled by the colored and foreign vote, hence it is a question in the minds of your committee whether it is best to encourage foreigners to settle in our midst. Hence we will here repeat the first resolution in the report of your Committee on Temperance last year, to-wit:

Resolved, That every Christian should hold it as a duty to God, a duty to his own family and a duty to the world at large, to use all fair and honest means to procure prohibitory laws, that we regard those now, who in open violation of law, sell or give away whisky or intoxicating drinks, and who seem to take special advantage of our religious gatherings to do their dirty work, so hellish its effects, as on a level with the lowest grade of humanity and the common thieves that infest our land and country. That we urge upon every Christian to bring those criminals to justice.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SCARBOROUGH,

Chairman.

Abstracts.

Your Committee on Abstracts beg leave to make the following report:

Antioch reports a prosperous condition, with a prosperous Sunday-school, and requests the prayers of the Association.—J. B. Pounds, Pastor.

Bethel reports peace and a flourishing Sunday-school.—B. A. Crawford, Pastor.

Crooked Creek reports peace and prosperity and a fine Sunday-school.—J. C. Buckley, Pastor.

Cedar Grove reports an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit of God and one Sunday-school.—J. B. Pounds, Pastor.

Columbia reports a prosperous and promising condition, and asks the prayers of the Association.—F. D. Baars, Pastor.

Ebenezer reports a peaceful and prosperous condition; one promising Sunday-School.—R. R. Turnage, Pastor.

Hepzibah reports peace, and requests the prayers of this body.—R. Drummond, Pastor.

Holly Springs reports peace and prosperity.—J. A. Burnett, Pastor.

Magee's Creek reports a revival, and a flourishing Sunday-School, which meets twice in each month.—R. R. Turnage, Pastor.

New Hope reports peace and a prosperous condition. R. R. Turnage, Pastor.

Pleasant Hill reports peace and prosperity.—B. A. Crawford, Pastor.

Silver Creek reports a prosperous condition.—W. H. Davis, Pastor.

Society Hill reports no great ingathering; four Sunday-Schools in her bounds.—R. R. Turnage, Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

B. S. WATTS,

M. STRINGER,

Committee.

Finance.

We, your Committee on Finance ask leave to make the following report: That we have carefully examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct, and fully sustained by vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

B. S. WATTS,

S. E. BASS,

Committee.

Preaching.

We, your Committee on Preaching, beg leave to make the following report: That Brother J. E. Davis preach at 11 o'clock and close. Elder C. P. Sheppard is appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder J. R. Carter, alternate.

Respectfully,
E. J. PITMAN,
Chairman.

Collecting File of Minutes of this Association.

We, your Committee on Collecting File of Minutes, report: That we have only been able to collect one of one of the missing members since our last report.

Respectfully submitted,
Z. T. DOUGHDRILL,
Chairman.

Ordered, That the committee be continued on collecting file of minutes.

Leave of absence was granted to the delegates from Cedar Grove Church.

Resolved, That Lea Female College, located at Summit, Pike county, Mississippi, is a school worthy of our patronage, and request that the brethren or sisters having a daughter to send to college would patronize said school.

Resolved, That the Missionary Colportage, now being conducted through this county by the American Baptist Publication Society, through which medium the gospel is being received by many who are destitute, be held in sympathy by this Association as a work well worthy the endorsement of all Christian people.

Leave of absence was granted to Brother T. R. Beard.

Resolved, That this Association agrees to continue their work in co-operation with the Convention Board,

and earnestly request the brethren and sisters composing this Association, to work in the interest of all the objects which we foster, that a grand and noble work may be done as never before.

Resolved, That the Clerk have the privilege of managing the publication and distributing the minutes of this Association, and that he be allowed fifteen dollars for his service, and authorized to draw on the Treasurer for moneys necessary to defray expenses.

Ordered, That the Treasurer be authorized to turn over all money for missions to the Convention Board.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be, and are hereby tendered the brethren, sisters and friends in the community of New Hope Church for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association.

Adjourned to meet with the Baptist Church, at Crooked Creek, eleven miles north-east of Monticello, on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, A. D. 1888.

R. R. TURNAGE, Moderator.

W. J. ARMSTRONG, Clerk,

Treasurer's Report.

J. D. BURKETT. Treasurer.

In acc't. with Pearl River Baptist Association.

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Sept. 13—To total amount on hand from last year.....	\$ 98 30
Sept. 17—Amount paid J. B. Gambrell...	\$23 60
Dec. 1—By amount paid W. J. Armstrong for printing and distributing minutes.....	50 80

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Sept. 10—By amount paid Elder R. R. Turnage as messenger to Pearl Leaf Association.....	3 00 77 40
To balance on hand from last year	\$20 90
Sept. 10—To amount received from churches for Associational purposes	48 55
To amount received for State Missions...	35 80
To amount received for Foreign Missions	16 75
To amount received for Home Missions...	10 05
To cash collections for Missions.....	14 05
Total amount on hand.....	\$146 10

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	COUNTIES.	POST OFFICE.
Antioch.....	C P Sheppard, Hugh Fortenbery, S H Lee	Marion.....	Columbia.....
Bethel.....	W D Wilson, Z P Jones, W C Maxwell	Lawrence.....	Monticello.....
Columbia.....	Henry Banks, W S Mosely, Robert Pope	Marion.....	Columbia.....
Crooked Creek.....	M Stringer, D A Scarborough, John Culpepper	Lawrence.....	Hooker.....
Cedar Grove.....	F J Fortenberry, J S Pope, J W Pitman	Marion.....	Columbia.....
Ebenezer.....	J R Carter, W H Thompson, S E Bass	Marion.....	Carly.....
Hepzibah.....	W J Carter, T R Herring	Lawrence.....	Oak Vale.....
Holly Springs.....	J W Thornhill, J T Lenoir, A A Beard	Marion.....	China Grove.....
Magie's Creek.....	W J Stovall, J D Thornhill, T R Beard	Pike.....	Sartinville.....
New Hope.....	R R Turnage, M A Sheppard, J J Stringer	Marion.....	Beechford.....
Pleasant Hill.....	R F Kyzer, W J Hodges, J Q Kyzer	Lincoln.....	Beque Chitto.....
Silver Creek.....	M A Griffith, J D Burkett, W J Armstrong	Lawrence.....	Monticello.....
Society Hill.....	R S Watts, Z T Doughdrill, E H Williamson	Lawrence.....	Oak Vale.....

STATISTICAL TABLE, Continued.

CHURCHES.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dismissed by Letter.	Died.	Total.	No. of Minutes.	Purposes.	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday-schools.	Value of Church Property.	Paid the Poor.	Time of Meeting.	Paid	Visiting Ministers.	Ministerial Education
Antioch	1	4	...	1	1	1	96	50	5 00	...	...	...	1	\$300 00	...	...	...	...	...
Bethel	8	10	1	2	...	1	112	40	4 00	...	...	...	1	400 00	...	...	...	...	...
Columbia	10	7	...	...	1	1	41	20	2 50	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	16 00	5 00	...
Crooked Creek	17	6	2	3	6	...	130	25	2 00	...	2 00	...	1	500 00	...	...	1	10 00	...
Cedar Grove	31	10	2	...	3	...	87	30	3 00	...	...	...	1	250 00	...	...	...	...	...
Ebenezer	4	...	1	...	7	1	101	30	4 00	...	5 00	6 00	...	400 00	...	...	15 45	...	...
Hepzibah	3	2	1	3	15	1	70	25	2 50	...	...	...	...	300 00	...	...	...	...	...
Holly Springs	3	...	1	2	...	...	94	25	2 50	...	...	...	1	250 00	...	...	...	...	...
Magee's Creek	2	7	1	...	7	...	84	30	3 00	10 05	...	...	...	300 00	...	...	...	...	...
New Hope	1	3	...	8	3	...	132	35	4 00	...	10 00	4 00	2	250 00	...	...	...	...	...
Pleasant Hill	8	3	...	...	8	...	116	50	5 00	...	...	10 00	...	400 00	...	...	...	...	...
Silver Creek	2	1	...	...	8	1	125	40	5 00	...	7 80	10 00	4	500 00	1 00	2	...	...	...
Society Hill	4	7	6	5	5	1	229	60	6 05	3 25	3 50	3 50	...	...	...	4	11 85	...	...
	94	60	14	20	64	6	1416	460	\$48 55	\$23 30	\$38 3	\$33 50	13	\$850 00	\$1 00	...	\$43 30	\$15 00	...

Cash collection on Monday for Missions, \$14.05.

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NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
R. R. Turnage.....	Beeford.
J. R. Carter.....	Carly.
C. P. Sheppard.....	Columbia.

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M. A. Sheppard.....	Beeford.
Matthew Sheppard.....	Columbia.

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Crooked Creek Baptist Church,

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Commencing Saturday, September 8th, 1888

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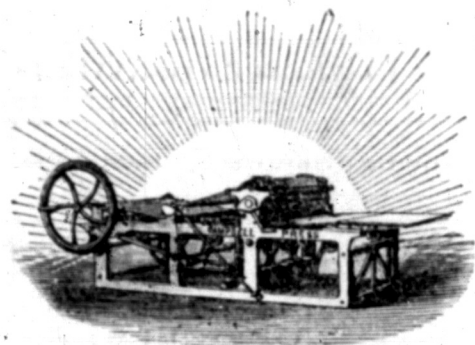
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Brethren J. R. Carter and J. B. Dale were appointed Reading Clerks.

Brethren E. L. Reeves and J. T. Lenoir were appointed a committee on Finance.

The letters from the churches were called for and read. The names of the delegates entered on the Minutes.

On motion, the former offices were unanimously elected by acclamation, viz: Elder R. R. Turnage, Moderator; J. D. Burkett, Treasurer; W. J. Armstrong, Clerk.

On motion, the Association adjourned to listen to the preaching of the Introductory Sermon, which was preach-

ed by Elder J. R. Carter, from 12th Chapter 2nd Corinthians.

On motion, took a recess of one hour.

Met according to appointment.

Prayer was offered by Elder E. P. Douglass.

The following named brethren were appointed as a preaching committee, viz: Z. T. Doughdrill, J. W. Cox, W. V. Jones, and the Deacons and Pastors of Crooked Creek Church.

Visiting ministers present were invited to seats in the Association, when there was an objection raised to seating Brethren J. M. Ritchey and J. L. Chandler from the Oak Grove Association, where upon official information having been received from the Fair River Association that they had organized the said Oak Grove Association, and taken the refractory parts of two churches that had been excluded from the Fair River Association into the organizations, and that they, the said J. M. Ritchie and J. L. Chandler had given their influence to the iniquitous liquor traffic.

On motion, it was agreed that the Association investigate the matter, and the written information from Bro. B. T. Hobbs, Secretary, and E. P. Douglass, Moderator, of the Fair River Association, was read and received as true, after which the investigation in regard to Brethren J. M. Ritchey and J. L. Chandler be closed, and that it is the sense of this Association that they are not entitled to seats in the Association. See latter clause of Section 7, of the objects and Powers of this Association.

Correspondence was received as follows: From the Boghechitto Association a letter; no Messengers or Minutes.

From the Magee's Creek Association, a letter and Minutes by her Messengers, T. B. Fortenberry, and J. E. Davis.

From the West Pearl Association, a letter by her messenger, J. W. Tolar.

From the Strong River Association, by her messengers Elder J. A. Scarborough, J. C. Buckley, R. Drummonds, J. H. Lane, and Brethren S. C. Walker, L. W. Berry, A. T. Longino, A. H. Dale, A. G. Berry, S. D. Beasley, J. E. Terry.

Elder J. T. Christian was received as Corresponding Secretary of the State Convention Board and representative of the Southern Baptist Record.

Sister M. J. Nelson, from New Orleans, was received as a representative of the Woman's Central Committee of Mississippi Baptists.

Elder J. R. Carter was received as messenger from Central Association, and a representative from Mississippi College.

Elder T. S. Powell was received as a representative of the students from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Bro. J. W. Burkett was received as messenger from the Pearl Leaf Association.

Elder E. P. Douglass was received as messenger from the Fair River Association.

Arranged correspondence as follows:

To the Boguechitto Association—Brother J. A. Price as our messenger, and Brother E. L. Reeves to-write.

To Fair River Association—Brethren J. M. Busby, W. J. Armstrong and Z. P. Jones as our messengers; Bro. J. B. Dale to-write.

To the Magee's Creek Association—Brethren W. T. Willoughby, W. E. Fortenberry, and Bro. J. W. Cox to-write.

To the Strong River Association—Brethren W. J. Armstrong, J. D. Burkett, S. C. Dale, S. B. Culpepper Elder R. R. Turnage, as our messengers; Elder J. R. Carter to write.

To the Pearl Leaf—Brethren W. J. Armstrong, W. C. Mobley and Elder R. R. Turnage; W. C. Mobley to write.

To the Baptist State Convention—Brother W. J. Armstrong.

Committees were appointed as follows:

On Sunday Schools—Brethren J. B. Dale and B. S. Watts.

On Missions—Brethren John Bass and Elder J. T. Christian.

On Publications—Bro. J. M. Busby and Elder J. H. Lane.

On Ministerial Education—Bro. J. Thornhill and Eld. J. A. Scarborough.

On Mississippi College—Elder J. R. Carter and J. H. Lane.

On Temperance—Bro. J. A. Price and Elder R. Drummonds.

On the Workings of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—Elder T. S. Powell and Bro. S. W. C. Maxwell and Wm. Thompson.

On motion a vote was taken relative to the place of holding the next meeting of this Association, which resulted in the choice of Holly Springs church, Marion County Mississippi.

Partial Report on Preaching.

Your Committee on Preaching beg leave to make a partial report, to wit: That J. R. Carter conduct the Prayer Meeting at 10 o'clock, A. M. to-morrow, and Elder J. T. Christian preach in the house and Elder T. S. Powell at the stand at 11 o'clock A. M. One hour's intermission, and Eldes J. H. Lane to preach in the house and J. R. Carter at the stand in the afternoon.

On motion adjourned until nine o'clock Monday morning.

Prayer was offered by Elder J. A. Scarborough.
Benediction by the Moderator.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES.

The Brethren filled their appointments and preached to large and attentive congregations. Sister M. J. Nelson gave the children a talk which was very appropriate and no doubt but what there was lasting impression made on a great many, as she seems to be at work in the right place. May the Lord bless her.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met according to adjournment. After reading the scriptures and singing a hymn of praise, prayer was offered by Elder E. P. Douglass.

The Moderator announced the Association in order for business.

Brethren C. R. Dale, E. O. Cowart and Joseph Byrne were received as messengers from the Fair River Association.

Corresponding letters to our Sister Associations were read and approved.

Reports of committees were read discussed and adopted as follows :

On Preaching.

Your committee on Preaching beg leave to submit the following final report, to wit: That Bro. T. S. Powell preach at the stand at 11 o'clock A. M., and Elder R. R. Turnage preach the next Introductory sermon of this Association, and Bro. C. P. Sheppard alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. T. DOUGHDRILL,

Chairman.

On Publications.

Your Committee on Publications would beg leave to submit following report :

The press is one of the mightiest agencies to be employed for the spread of Christianity and for the evangelization of the world. The rapidity with which the Gospel is being carried to dark places of the earth is due largely to the printing press. Gospel tracts, Sunday School Books and religious news papers are now coming from the presses and falling into the hands of our people like autumn leaves. We owe a debt of gratitude to the printing press for the victories that have been won in the moral reform which is sweeping over our land. That saying that the "press is mightier than the sword" has been verified.

Like all other affective instrumentalities, however, the pen may be employed for evil as well as good. The most of mental and spiritual poison now being poured into the minds and hearts of our people, especially the youth, through the channels of pernicious literature can not be estimated. The only remedy for this appalling evil is to supply the people with sound and wholesome reading matter. Notwithstanding we have much good reading matter, some of our people do not read. To be an intelligent people we must read, and that, literature which bears upon the Bible. Thereupon your committee would recommend to the pastors of this Association the importance of urging their members to take and read one or more religious papers. We would further recommend the following papers :

The Southern Baptist Record, Published a Meridian, Miss., The Foreign Mission Journal, Published at Richmond Va., The Brookhaven Leader, a secular paper, edited by B. T. Hobbs, who has done much in the prohibition movement. For Sunday-Schools, Kind

Words, Published at Atlanta, Ga., and the American Publication Society Literature—all will be of great help in the Lord's work.

Respectfully submitted

J. H. LANE,

J. M. BUSBY,

Committee.

On Ministerial Education.

Your committee on Ministerial Education would make the following report:

We are glad to note the increased interest manifested on the the part of our people upon this subject, which we deem of vital importance to our interest as a denomination. We say of *vital importance* because we believe that the success of all other enterprises fostered by us as a denomination, to a great extent, depends upon the training, and education of our rising ministry. But while an educated ministry is of paramount importance to the spread of the Gospel throughout the world, yet we believe it to be the interest of the cause of Christ, that we look well to our going in this important matter for the following reasons:

1st. It is more popular to be a preacher now than it was fifty years ago, hence some may center the ministry to become popular.

2nd. Our preachers are better educated now than they used to be, therefore some may enter the ministry with a view of getting an education.

3rd. Our ministry is better cared for now than it once was, and on this account some may want to preach from a financial consideration.

While we believe in an educated ministry we believe also in a God-called ministry; and in our eagerness to educate young men to bear the message of salvation, to a dying world, may we never lose sight of the im-

portant fact that God actually calls men to preach his Gospel. Your committee believe that in some way our young men ought to be tried before the denomination undertakes the task of educating them; and the duty of trying men brings along with it great responsibilities upon the church who sends a young man into the world to preach the Gospel. We further believe that a young man whose zeal for the salvation of men is not such as to lead him into the ministry and preach without a collegiate education, is the wrong man to educate. We are glad to state that at Mississippi College, last session, there were in attendance thirty-six young men who feel called of God to preach the Gospel; twenty-one of whom received help from the Board of Ministerial Education, otherwise they could not have attended school. Thus we see that God is calling the poor of the land to preach the Gospel, and this brings with it an urgency in regard to our duty in educating them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SCARBOROUGH,

J. THORNHILL,

Committee.

Report on Temperance.

Your committee to whom was referred the report on Temperance, have attained but one conclusion in their canvassing of the subject. It has been clearly demonstrated by many trials, that the sale of liquors is debauching and demoralizing to the greatest extent, and the time has arrived when we as followers of Christ should speak out in no compromising tone our thoughts upon a question that is of such vital interest and extreme importance to the rising youth of our land. The question is, what can we do toward the furtherance of the temperance cause, and of converting communities to the true knowledge of this vile and sin-defiled habit; and we answer by recommending total abstinence by

every church member of this Association. Your committee realizing also the criminality of the liquor traffic ask this Association to recommend to the various churches forming this body to present to their membership the importance of this question. This evil is so wide spread and of such an iniquitous nature that we deem it of the utmost importance to adopt stringent measures for the suppression of dram-drinking among church members. We should in every way possible use every effort that is being made for the advancement of the cause of temperance, and the entire obliteration of licensed saloons in our land, and we therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that it is unchristian conduct for a church member to sign a whiskey petition, vote for the legalized sale of intoxicants as a beverage, or in any way give encouragement to this iniquitous traffic, and churches should enforce discipline against members guilty of lending their influence to the liquor traffic.

Respectfully submitted,
R. DRUMMONDS,
J. A. PRICE,
S. H. DALE,

Committee.

Report on Missions.

We, your Committee on Missions, would submit the following: Realizing as we do the importance of this subject, and feeling it to be a duty that we owe to God, the giver of all light, we would like to impress deeply on the minds of all Christians the importance of christianizing the world. How we can do this is the all important question that has been agitating great minds for many years. The foreign mission fields were closed and our missionaries had but poor encouragement to bestow their labors on the benighted heathen. Now

the fields are all open, the works are ready, and it is placed within the powers of every believer in Christ to give to those who are in darkness, and since the right and liberty of the Gospel we realize that in those places where the Gospel has been preached the glowing rays that many souls are condemned by God's word, where it says for as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law—Romans. 2:12.

We should contribute liberally of our means to the cause of missions, and thereby aid the advancement, and spread of christianity among all nations whether bond or free. We have read with interest the reports of committees on Home and Foreign Missions adopted by our State Baptist Convention, and we do desire to express our sympathy with, and invite the earnest and active co-operation of all our church members for the sustainance and support of the Convention Board.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Q. BASS,

J. T. CHRISTIAN,

Committee.

After the adoption of the above report there was a collection taken from the congregation amounting to \$19.60, for missions.

On motion, took a recess of one hour for refreshments.

Met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder T. S. Powell.

Report of committees continued.

On the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Your committee on the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary beg leave to submit the following report: The Theological Seminary located at Louisville, is the only such institution under the patronage of Southern Baptists. It was founded before the war, and be-

gan its existence at Greenville, South Carolina. Some ten or twelve years ago it removed to Louisville, where it has had a prosperous life.

The Seminary is now permanently established, having a safe endowment. During last session a commodious, superb building, containing between three and four hundred rooms, including a boarding hall, lecture and students room, was made ready to be occupied. The building is situated in the central part of the city near Fifth and Broadway streets. In respect of the thoroughness of instructions, orthodoxy and high standards of scholarship, the Seminary has no superior. The course of study under the various professors may be outlined as follows :

Dr. James P. Boyce, President of the Faculty and Professor of English and Systematic Theology, Latin Theology, Church Government, Pastoral Duties, and Parliamentary Practice.

Dr. Basil Manly, Professor of Hebrew, Old Testament, English and Biblical Introduction to the study of the Bible.

Dr. John A. Broadus, Professor of Greek New Testament, English and Homolitics, the Preparation and delivery of sermons.

Dr. W. H. Whitsett, Professor of church History and Dr. Serfoot is at present teaching in the place of Dr. Boyce, who has been temporarily relieved on account of ill health.

The last three years Dr. John R. Sampy has been assistant in Greek and Hebrew, having charge of the Junior Departments. At the close of the last session Bro. F. W. Robertson was elected assistant to Dr. Broadus. Besides the regular courses there are a number of extra courses taught by the different Professors. Number of students last session was one hundred and fifty-eight;

has been for some years steadily increasing and, will probably reach two hundred next session. There is no tuition, and a large number of students receive more or less assistance from the Students Fund, raised by benevolent contributions from individuals and churches. Mississippi, last session as well as the previous one, had eleven students at the Seminary. At the last meeting of the Baptist State Convention of Mississippi, we are informed that more than one thousand dollars were contributed to the students Fund. This is about the first important financial contribution that Mississippi has ever made to the Seminary; she has been slow to recognize her obligations to this institution, as many of her most gifted and useful sons have received instructions at this seat of Theological learning. The example of the State Convention may well be followed by the Associations and churches of Mississippi.

Respectfully submitted,

T. S. POWELL,

S. W. C. MAXWELL,

W. H. THOMPSON,

Committee.

On Sunday Schools.

Your committee on Sunday-Schools ask leave to make the following report :

That we, feeling bound by the scriptures injunction to bring our children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, therefore we deem it necessary that each church in the bounds of this Association have at least one well organized Sunday School, as we know of no better way to impart to the youth of our country a knowledge and love of our Savior than to bring them together on Sunday and teach them the ways of the Lord. Therefore we earnestly urge the brethren and sisters of this Association to use every effort in their power to promote the interest of the Sunday School

work, until we read our motto "every child for Jesus" then a far brighter day than now will speedily dawn upon us as a denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. DALE,
Chairman.

On Mississippi College.

Your committee on Mississippi College ask leave to report the following:

That Mississippi College is one of the greatest educational factors of the State, and is eminently worthy of the support and patronage of the people of Mississippi, especially the Christians, for several considerations.

1st. It is an institution of good, moral and religious surroundings.

2nd. Its course of instruction is lengthy and thorough.

3rd. Young men are measured and respected according to the brain they have and not according to the clothes they wear.

4th. It is a Christian institution and belongs to the Baptists of Mississippi.

5th. It is a non-sectarian institution and it holds out equal advantages to all good boys.

6th. In helping Mississippi College, we are directly helping a Christian of learning and indirectly helping the cause of Home Missions, State Missions, Foreign Missions and Ministerial Education, because it is the motive power to all these enterprises. Brethren let us be ready to help when there is a cry from Mississippi College.

Very respectfully submitted,

J. H. LANE,
J. R. CARTER,
Committee.

On Abstracts.

Your committee on Abstracts beg leave to make the following report :

Antioch reports a prosperous condition—J. B. Pounds, Pastor.

Bethel reports Peace and one Sunday School—B. A. Crawford, Pastor.

Crooked Creek reports a good spiritual condition, and one Sunday School.

Cedar Grove reports a good spiritual condition, and two Sunday Schools—J. B. Pounds, Pastor.

Columbia reports a good spiritual condition and is connected with a Union Sunday School—J. N. Walker, Pastor.

Ebernezer reports a prosperous condition and one Sunday School—T. E. H. Robinson, Pastor.

Hepzibah reports coldness ; one Sunday School—R. Drummonds, Pastor.

Holly Springs reports lukewarmness—C. P. Sheppard, Pastor.

Magee's Creek reports peace and a revival; one Sunday School—R. R. Turnage, Pastor.

New Hope reports peace and one Sunday School in a flourishing condition—R. R. Turnage, Pastor.

Pleasant Hill reports peace and one Sunday School—B. A. Crawford, Pastor.

Providence reports peace—B. A. Crawford, Pastor.

Silver Creek reports peace—W. H. Davis, Pastor.

Society Hill reports being revived and one Sunday School—R. Turnage, Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. LENOIR,

N. S. BUCKLEY,

Committee.

On Collecting File of Minutes.

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Association ask leave to submit the following: That we have not been able to collect anything of the missing numbers since our last meeting, whereupon the committee was continued.

On Finance.

Your committee on Finance ask leave to make the following report: That we have carefully examined the Treasurer's report and find it correct and amply sustained by vouchers.

**E. L. REEVES,
J. T. LENOIR,**

Committee.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Ordered, that the Treasurer be authorized to turn over all monies in his hands for missions to Bro. J. T. Christian, Corresponding Secretary of the State Convention Board.

Ordered, that the clerk have the privilege of managing the printing and distribution of the minutes of this Association, and that he be allowed twenty dollars for his services, and that he be authorized to draw on the Treasurer for monies necessary to defray the expenses.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be, and are hereby tendered to the brethren, sisters and friends in this community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Association.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Holly Springs Baptist Church, on Saturday before the Second Lord's day in September, A. D. 1889, in Marion county, thirteen miles North-West of Columbia, West of Pearl River.

A hymn of Praise was sung while the parting hand was extended.

Prayer by Elder J. R. Carter.

Benediction by the Moderator.

R. R. TURNAGE, Moderator.

W. J. ARMSTRONG, Clerk.

Treasurer's Report.

J. D. BURKETT, Treasurer,

In account with the Pearl River Baptist Association:

Sept. 8, 1888,	
To amount received last year.....	\$146 10
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By amounts paid B. W. Griffith.....	\$76 65
“ “ “ W. J. Armstrong, for printing and distributing of minutes.....	47 85
By amount paid R. R. Turnage, as messenger to Bogue Chitto Association.....	4 00
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To balance on hand, Association fund.....	\$128 50
Sept. 8, 1888.	\$17 60
To amount received from churches, for Associ- ational purposes.....	\$57 50
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Sept, 10, 1888,	\$143 55
By amount paid J. T. Christian, Secretary Convention Board by order.....	68 45
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To amount balance on hand this day.....	\$75 10
Respectfully submitted,	
J. D. BURKETT,	
Treasurer.	

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Antioch.....	No delegation																													
Bethel.....	Z P Jones, S W C Maxwell, A W Maxwell	Marion	Columbia	3	1	1	1	2	3		50																			
Crooked Creek.....	S C Dale, Y B Massengale, S B Culpper	Lawrence	Monticello	4	1	2	2	11	1	114	50	4 35			5 00						600 00									
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